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Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 15, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, May 15th (1908.) My dear Alec:

No word has reached me, but Mamma says there is a letter from you at Twin Oaks. I put off going there partly because it was so cold and I had a slight cold, but more because my work was here and I wanted to finish it. Now when I want to go Gipsey is there down with the mumps and I can't go. Poor little girl this is her reward for her care of Bobbie, who had the mumps while visiting her.

I got Mr. Cox to copy and send you Miss Yale's questions, please be good and answer them for me. M. Gardiner has as yet no other questions for the "Question Box", except one (?) from your friend Cummings. He is so pugnacious one hardly ventures to call his assertions questions. He simply demands that you change [???] to [???] he says the closure is not in the back but in the front.

Bert is not quite so well Elsie reports. He is very nervous about himself and Dr. Morgan says that certainly his trouble must not be treated lightly or it may result in ulcer.

It is cool again today, also rainy and I have been working on my paper for the Dept. I think I am at last tackling it in the right way, simply by beginning with a bit of autobiography, showing why V.S. did not do for me what it might, and also what I learned from it. The teachers think it is no use for young pupils but possibly for advanced ones, my point is that I learned it too late.

I am always your loving, Mabel.